

List of Current Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 6 (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A method for updating device descriptions for different field devices, sensors or actors for determining, and influencing process variables in process automation technology, whereby the field devices are connected via a ~~[[data]]~~ field bus, whereby in each case a device description describes the functionality of the corresponding field device in a standardized language, and whereby a control unit and an external server are employed, comprising the steps of:

storing the actual device descriptions for the field devices on a central server connected to the ~~[[data]]~~ field bus via the internet;

storing and running an application program in ~~[[a]]~~ the control unit for servicing, configuring, parameterizing, or troubleshooting ~~[[a]]~~ the field device; and

downloading, by the application program in the control unit, ~~[[and]]~~ an actual device description of ~~[[a]]~~ the corresponding field device to be serviced from the central server in the case that the actual version of the device description of the field device is not available in the control unit.

8. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:
the application program queries the external server, in regular intervals, as to whether new device descriptions are available.

9. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:
the device descriptions are device descriptions DDs.

10. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:
preconfigured device descriptions are stored in the external server.
11. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:
the device descriptions in the external server are saved in respective
national languages.
12. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:
the control unit and the external server are connected with one another via
the Internet.